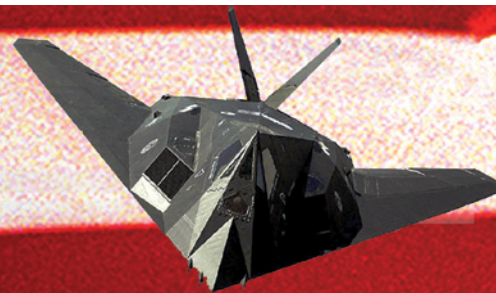


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As the Air Force faces tumultuous budget decisions, it's the 49th Fighter Wing's part to adapt to future challenges as it has in the past.

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*Air and Space
Expeditionary Force
Tempo*

**As of Feb. 27,
344 Airmen were
deployed to
15 countries
around the
world**



Photo by Senior Airman Terri Barriere

Hearts Apart get-together

Volunteer spouse Ms. Lisa Scheller serves Ms. Laura Pinard and her daughter Victoria Pinard, 8, Wednesday at the Hearts Apart dinner at the Chapel. The dinner was sponsored by the 4th Space Control Squadron and was for families of deployed members. Mrs. Pinard is married to Tech. Sgt. Doug Pinard, who is currently on a short tour to Osan Air Base, Korea.

Airman's Park to open March 17

by Senior Airman Terri Barriere
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An idea becomes reality March 17 when Airman's Park is opened and dedicated to the Airmen of Holloman.

The ceremony, scheduled for 3 p.m. at the park, will also include free food, games and entertainment.

"Airman's Park is a unique project in which the entire concept and design for the park came directly from Airmen," said Senior Airman

Adam Armstrong, Airman's Council president. "The park is a new place for Airmen to get together, have some fun and relax."

According to Airman Armstrong, the concept for the park came from ideas the Dorm Council had about two years ago. He said it all began with an abandoned parking lot between dorms 452 and 457 that was cordoned off due to increased force protection levels.

The original plan for the area was to fill it with rocks, but after hearing this the Dorm Council began brain-

storming ideas on alternative uses for the area.

The idea began to take shape after it was pitched to, and accepted by, Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, and was also supported by Lt. Col. Dave DeMartino, previous 49th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

The council met often with the CES commander and, with his support, the idea really took off. He assigned a

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Playing our part: A warfighter's vision

by Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman
9th Fighter Squadron commander

"These are indeed tumultuous times," remarked Brig. Gen. Travis Harrell, 833rd Air Division commander. From the pages of the Department of Defense Quadrennial Defense Review to the potential "close to home" impact of the Presidential Budget Decision 720, some would say that tumultuous is an understatement.

The QDR calls for more unmanned aerial vehicles, more special operations forces and more battlefield Airmen in support of sister services on the ground – all areas supporting Air Force transformation in pursuit of key joint, interdependent combat capabilities.

This transformation will affect the total force, both in hardware and personnel.

Air Force personnel strength levels will reduce by approximately 40,000 Airmen, 88 percent of which will come from active duty.

Similarly, PBD 720, awaiting Congressional approval, aims to reduce or remove older "legacy" aircraft from the inventory, from C-130s to KC-135s, U-2s to B-52s – and, of course, the F-117A. This is all part of an intensive force recapitalization effort to ensure the Air Force has the right tools to do the job; the job of contributing to joint air dominance, today and in the future.

Tumultuous – yes. Although it may be a surprise to find that while General Harrell spoke those words here at Holloman, he did so more than 15 years ago, in the midst of an overall Air Force reorganizational environment with strong parallels to the one the 49th Fighter Wing is facing today.

First, a brief history lesson from the spring of 1991; "Seventy-two F-15 A/B aircraft will be retired as part of the overall reduction in tactical force structure throughout the Air Force. The actions were undertaken in response to congressionally-directed fiscal guidance and the changing world environment." Holloman's mission at that time was to "maintain a full tacti-

cal counter-air mission capability and be prepared to deploy as combat elements to ensure air superiority during contingencies and general war."

The changing political climate in Europe dramatically altered military requirements across the DoD, the Air Force and at Holloman.

Then, like now, there was little doubt a mission of some type would continue at Holloman, as General Harrell pointed out, "We have emphasized that Holloman is a valuable resource to the DoD."

The base not only provides quality air space and weather, but valuable runways and facilities." That new mission would also include new aircraft – the F-117A, as the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing moved down from the Tonopah Test Range to New Mexico.

At the time it was estimated that the move would save roughly \$70 million per year. Interestingly, 49th FW historical documents from 1991 described the F-117A as representing "one of the newer Air Force weapon systems."

Here we are now 15 years later. The world has continued to change and the political climate and global uncertainties still remain.

The microcosm of the 49th Fighter Wing is once again faced with a challenging future. The F-117A is now one of the oldest fighter aircraft in the Air Force inventory, an inventory with an average age of 24. Due to the heroic efforts of our dedicated flightline maintenance troops, our mission capable rates and flying hour costs are on par with every other fighter aircraft in the inventory but, with each passing year, sustainment of our assigned "legacy" platform becomes more of an issue. Concurrently, the Air Force continues modernization efforts, generating new technologies and platforms, enhancing capabilities in the face of global realities.

At the same time, the fiscal realities of the on-going global war on terror dictate tough decisions, the same decision the QDR process addressed and PBD 720

represents.

There is significant historical precedent throughout the Air Force and specifically here at Holloman, for changing and adapting to new missions, new aircraft and new futures.

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, has made it very clear that while we do not know the exact timeline for the F-117A draw-down, we expect to transition to the Air Force's newest fighter, the F-22A.

More importantly, we know this wing considers its people to be its primary asset, epitomizing the "People First – Mission Always" motto. Like General Harrell said a decade and a half ago, "... the Air Force is concerned about the welfare and morale of our 49th Tactical Fighter Wing personnel as well. We'll do everything possible to keep them informed and provide maximum assistance in the days ahead." General Cichowski has pledged the same.

Rest assured, this evolution, will be well-planned and conscientiously executed. The information flow will be consistent and robust to minimize the "uncertainty factor." We will take it in stride, as it is our part of embracing the 2006 Air Force vision, "A Warfighter's Vision."

"To realize the vision, we have three priorities: maintain a razor-sharp focus on fighting this global war on terrorism, continue developing our Airmen and recapitalize and modernize our inventory," said Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force Chief of Staff. "Meeting these challenges will require bold new initiatives. Our Airmen understand this intuitively. They build on a distinguished and lasting heritage. They will push the Air Force beyond the horizon."

We, as Air Force, as servicemembers, have been through this before.

We are used to "bold, new initiatives," we see them flying overhead every day. Change is an integral part of our way of life. Change is also our way of making a difference, by making the Air Force better, leaner and stronger for tomorrow.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	5
DUIs this year	3
This week last year	7

Last six DUIs

• 49th AMXS	Feb. 19
• 49th MDOS	Feb. 17
• 49th FW	Jan. 31
• 49th CS	Dec. 30
• 49th OSS	Dec. 29
• 49th MSS	Dec. 26

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Calls made are lives saved

71 Saves this year

9 Saves this week



High: 62
Low: 44
TODAY



High: 60
Low: 42
SATURDAY



High: 60
Low: 38
SUNDAY



High: 58
Low: 36
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.



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An Air Force legend visits Holloman

Editor's Note: Master Sgt. Greg Henneman, 49th Fighter Wing historian, interviewed retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez on Feb. 25th. General Marquez served as the keynote speaker for the Maintenance Professional of the Year Banquet.

Q How would you describe today's Air Force compared to when you first received your commission?

A It is an impressive thing to see today's Air Force, compared to even 20 years ago when I retired. It is just orders of magnitude better. The troops are better, the troops are smarter and they are very dedicated. It is a great feeling. As maintainers, we have come a long way. The person who is most responsible in my mind, for really appreciating and beginning to do the correct thing for maintainers is General Bill Creech, who commanded Tactical Air Command. We discussed all of the things we wanted to do to improve maintenance. Back in those days, maintenance people lived in the corner of the hangar and it was pretty pathetic. General Creech believed very strongly, as did I, that if you made their work areas clean and attractive you would get better results.

Q How has the education level of Airmen changed over the years?

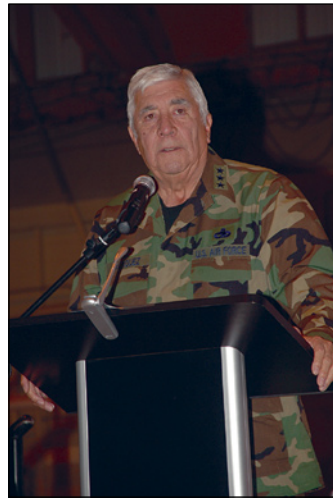
A When we went to the volunteer force, there were some of us, like General J. B. Davis and myself, who said the Air Force is really looking at bringing in technology, bringing in F-15s,

F-16s, A-10s, and AWACS. The Air Force was pushing technology to the max, but guys like me who had been out in the trenches with the troops, said all of the technology in the world wouldn't do us any good if we didn't have the human resources ready to really exploit it and use it correctly. We began pushing; now we have a volunteer force and professional military education for enlisted people. Before, we didn't have anything. Now, we have Airman Leadership Schools, Noncommissioned Officer Academy and more leadership and management schools. The result is that we have the best educated workforce. They are motivated.

Q You had a very diverse career, what we call today "career broadening," why is this important?

A It broadened my horizons so much, to be first a pilot, then a maintainer, then a supplier, then a transporter and then a system manager for the F-111. Then, I was a manager for stretching the C-141. I got to do an awful lot of those things. That is when I came to the firm conclusion that I wanted all of our officers to become logisticians. Our officers were all in stovepipes: the maintainers over here, the suppliers over here, etc... I described them as being 10 feet tall and two inches wide. All I wanted was some robust six-footers that could do more than one thing – pass, block, run, etc ... We now

have people that have more than one discipline. In the new organization, we did a good thing because we combined the suppliers, the transporters and the log planners together in the logistics readiness squadron. For instance, when you open a new base somewhere, you don't need to send a maintenance officer, a supply officer, and a civil engineer. You only need to send one or two guys because it is the enlisted force and the NCOs we rely on. The officers don't need to be totally conversant in everything. Their job is to plan, organize, and lead. We have the finest professional noncommissioned officer corps. Without an NCO corps you are substandard and are never going to make it.



Q You've had an incredibly successful career, what are some of your keys to success?

A I went where the Air Force sent me and I worked hard. It is just that simple. I never planned a day of my career. I was fortunate in that senior people above me recognized that I had some talent and they moved me around. I never requested an assignment; I never filled out a dream sheet. All-in-all, I enjoyed my Air Force career immensely. At my retirement dinner I said I could not think of one single day that I wished I was elsewhere – even when we were under rocket attacks and when I got shot down flying with the Army in Vietnam. Even then, I never had any regrets. Once I got into the Air Force, I never looked back.

PARK

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project manager, set his people into action drawing up an engineering sketch of the park and gathered cost estimates for the various things the park would include.

Once the process was underway, the Airmen never doubted it would be completed.

“Doubts never came up on this project,” said Airman Armstrong. “The idea was accepted immediately and everyone was dedicated to making it happen. The constant communication between CES and the Airman’s Council set my mind at ease. Any time a question arose, it was answered in a timely manner, if not immediately.”

Once the wheels were set in motion, it took just under six months to complete the park.

“This was a design/build project,” said Mr. Mark Urey, 49th CES. “The design portion started on June 9 and the construction started on July 18. The park was completed on Nov. 7.”

The new park will have a full basketball court, a sand volleyball court, two horseshoe pits, a natural gas grill, a sink with running water and a pavilion.

According to Airman Armstrong, all of the Airmen’s opinions on what to put in the park and how it should be designed were taken into consideration.

“The involvement the engineers had with the Airman’s Council really showed their dedication to please the Airmen on this project,” he said.

Though the park will be named after and dedicated to Airmen, no

one will be turned away.

“This park is for use by everyone,” said Airman Armstrong. “It is located in the dorm area, but is not limited to use by only dorm residents. It will come in handy for people in the dorms, but the location and constant readiness of the park makes it ideal for anyone to use. The park’s location makes it a great place for squadron barbecues. It gives leadership a chance to see firsthand how their Airmen in the dorms are living.”

The upcoming ceremony will be a culmination of many months of hard work.

“The completion of the park is a testament to the unwavering dedication of Airmen, and what they can accomplish when they take an idea and gather support behind it,” said Airman Armstrong. “I admit that this whole thing is kind of overwhelming. To come to the realization that you are a part of something bigger than an individual, a permanent site, and will have an impact on this base long after we have all left is quite incredible.”

Airman Armstrong wants this project to serve as an example to other Airmen.

“I think the one thing I can really stress on this project is the whole thing happened from an idea,” he said. “Many people believe that their ideas and opinions do not matter. This project shows that they do. I hope that this park is a symbol to everyone who wants to make a difference here.”

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Explosive site inspection checks

Keeps Holloman from going out with a bang

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Fighter Wing Weapons Safety Office is conducting an explosive site inspection on 77 locations across Holloman to ensure safety standards are met near or in areas where munitions are stored or maintained.

The inspection began in September and according to Mr. Shawn Quarles, 49th FW wing weapons safety manager, will last as long as it takes.

"This is a line-by-line process that requires leg work to verify different things such as distance between facilities, overhead power line locations, public traffic routes, underground water, electric and gas lines near locations where explosives are stored or used," Mr. Quarles said.

Microwave and radio antennas are also checked.

"These antennas put off electromagnetic radiation which can detonate electrically initiated explosives if too close," he said.

This inspection covers all areas of the wing and typically takes up to 10 months to complete.

One of the wing sites checked is the munitions storage area where live 500- to 2,000-pound bombs are stored, along with all ammunition, grenades, and life support egress and unique test munitions.

During the evaluation, Mr. Quarles refers to Air Force Manual 91-201 to analyze Holloman's application of safety standards for storage, transportation, maintenance of munitions and construction of new wing facilities.

"The Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board conducts an Explosives Site Plan review for each base," said Master Sgt. Ted Larson, 46th Test Group weapons safety manager. "If they identify a possible violation, they ask the weapons safety office at the base to correct the violation or submit a waiver or exemption if the violation cannot be corrected."

The 46th TG has support agreements with the 49th FW regarding the type of support the wing safety office will provide.

"The 49th FW will conduct some spot inspections on the test group, but normally I perform the annual and high interest spot inspections," Sergeant Larson said.

Spot inspections are random compliance inspections and may consist of checking only one or two items on a checklist. All facilities are looked at one-by-one and validated in accordance with Air Force regulations. While there is no official rating, the discrepancies are annotated.

The Air Force Safety Center is next to last in the approval process and reviews all explosive site plans one-by-one for accuracy.

If the Air Force Safety Center reviewers have questions concerning a discrepancy, they e-mail the Air Combat Command Weapons Safety office for guidance.

If the ACC office is unable to come to a conclusive answer, it notifies the 12th Air Force Weapons Safety Office, who evaluates the review and contacts Holloman's Weapons Safety Office.

If necessary, 12th Air Force Safety Office will go to the location and conduct its own inspection.

This validation process has found errors with original site plans because some rules have been changed, requiring adjustments to the plans, Mr. Quarles said.

Negative findings will be written up every 30 days until corrected and facility commanders must make safety risk assessments concerning the possibility of damage or loss to their facility or equipment should an explosives incident occur.

According to Sergeant Larson, ensuring compliance is not the only reason inspections are conducted. Keeping all non-essential personnel and equipment out of hazardous areas is another factor.

Regardless of the amount of leg work it takes, these inspections ensure compliance with DoD standards.

"If [the sites] do not meet standards, we cannot use a facility to store or operate out of, which would limit our capabilities," Sergeant Larson said.

Explosive Site Inspections have always been based on the safety of personnel, Mr. Quarles said.

The rule in explosive and weapons safety is "expose the minimum amount of people to the minimum amount of explosives for the minimum amount of time. "This is known as the three M's," he said.

Because many Team Holloman members may never work with or near ammunition or explosives, they may not consider how these inspections make their lives safer.

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

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24-7 response to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Briefings held the first Wednesday of each month at the base theater.

TRICARE officials focus on vision care

by Mark Jecker
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

No matter how well servicemembers test on the annual eye exam, it’s easy to be a little unclear about vision care.

TRICARE’s eye and vision coverage:

- TRICARE Standard, Extra and Prime active duty family members are eligible for one routine eye exam per year.
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- The provider performs periodic eye and vision screenings for the child. Newborn screening is

- covered under the mother’s maternity benefit.
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Alfonso Garza – 49th Maintenance Operation Squadron

Scott E. Thomsen – 49th Operation Support Squadron

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Marcus L. Mason – 49th Contracting Squadron

Gerald A. Schenck Jr. – 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron

Robert K. Clickener – 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Allan M. Dangleben – 49th LRS

Billy E. Davis Jr. – 49th LRS

Monika D. Schorer – 49th LRS

Raymond L. Munger – 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Jathuro Livingston – 46th Test Group

Holloman likely to get F-22A by 2008 pending evaluation

By retired Spc. James Matise
Sunburst staff writer
with Air Force News
reports

As the F-117A Nighthawk heads into retirement in 2008, the Air Force is casting an eye toward Holloman for hosting its newest bird of prey.

The Air Force announced March 1 that Holloman is considered the preferred location to receive the third operational bed down of the F-22A Raptor.

If the Raptor is sent to Holloman, it will be part of the 49th Fighter Wing and will be the second wing in Air Combat Command to stand up an operational F-22A unit.

The 1st Fighter Wing at Langley AFB, Va., became operational in December and began receiving its second squadron of Raptors March 3. Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, a Pacific Air Forces installation, will be the next base to receive Raptors.

"The announcement of Holloman as a preferred location for bed down of an operational F-22A unit makes sense," said Gen. Ron Keys, ACC commander. "This is a clear acknowledgement of the outstanding flying weather, ranges, facilities and community support the base enjoys."

The proposed plan calls for active and National Guard members to work on the F-22A together at Holloman, patterned after current operations at Langley. Holloman is expected to receive two squadrons.

There are still studies that need to be completed before a final decision can be made, said Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th FW commander.

"We still need to do the environ-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Bloker

Lt. Col. Charles Hainline, an F-4 Phantom pilot from Holloman Air Force Base, and Lt. Col. Michael Shower, an F-22A Raptor pilot from Langley Air Force Base, Va., fly in formation over Tucson, Ariz., during the Air Combat Command Heritage Conference at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Sunday. The Air Force announced March 1 the F-22A is expected to replace the retiring F-117A Nighthawk at Holloman.

mental analyses before this bed-down proposal becomes a reality," General Cichowski said March 1. "Until we know the timeframe for its completion, we remain focused on providing combat-ready F-117s and air crews."

ACC is heading the analysis to study what impact the F-22A would have on human health and the environment, said Mr. Andrew Gomolak, a geologist with the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight.

"The purpose of the assessment is to provide for an informed decision," Mr. Gomolak said. "It doesn't necessarily have to be the 'best' decision from any particular viewpoint, but it has to be a well-thought-out decision that meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the objectives of the Air Force."

An ACC team spent five days at Holloman in January gathering information during an initial survey to determine Holloman's suitability for the F-22A.

"They have already accumulated quite a bit of information to serve as a basis for the environmental

assessment," Mr. Gomolak said. "We'll try to assist them in any way possible to expedite the process."

Congressional approval is also required before the F-22A comes to Holloman. A joint release from New Mexico Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici stated the first Raptors could start arriving in late 2008.

In addition to Holloman, the Air Force announced Hickam AFB, Hawaii, is the fourth preferred operational bed down for the Raptor.

Bases that have the F-22A for testing, tactics development and training purposes include Nellis, Tyndall and Edwards Air Force bases.

During the final months of the Raptor's development, pilots flew missions over White Sands Missile Range to validate its primary mission of air-to-air combat, firing AIM-120 air-to-air missiles at supersonic speed and while undergoing complicated rolling flight profiles.

The Air Force is slated to receive 183 Raptors with production extending through 2012.

Woman of Merit

*I
nominate ...
Col. Gail
Benjamin
Colvin*



Colonel Colvin distinguished herself by providing outstanding leadership as 49th Mission Support Group commander from June 24, 2004, to present.

During this period, Colonel Colvin ensured over \$150 million worth of critical logistics, services and infrastructure support to the F-117A Nighthawk and T-38A Talon, the German Air Force Tactical Training Center Tornado operations, the 46th Test Group, the 4th Space Control Squadron, Balloon Operations, and 26 associate units.

She serves a base population of approximately 17 thousand, oversees 59 thousand acres, \$2.6 billion in infrastructure/resources and manages an annual operations and maintenance budget of \$44 million.

She is the powerhouse behind the wing's deployments, moving more than 1,500 people to 23 countries and four continents in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and domestically, in support of hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

She built Air Combat Command's premier \$1.3 million/28 point Combat Arms Training/Maintenance Complex. She led the 49th Fighter Wing to fame as the first ACC wing to pass and obtain a "Satisfactory" ORI rating under the new ATSO chemical warfare CONOPS. Colonel Colvin is the Department of Defense commander leading a 100-person space shuttle emergency response team that was activated during the critical return flight of Space Shuttle Discovery's STS-114 mission. She was also the on-scene commander for a QF-4E crash on White Sands Missile Range.

She provides support to USAF's busiest and most complex airfield. Her weekly "Shadow" program provides an opportunity to mentor junior Airmen, officers and civilians. Colonel Colvin's leadership led to countless infrastructure improvements which include: \$8.5 million Base Exchange, \$1.5 million Mobility Processing Cen-

ter, \$1.5 million J.R. Rockers sports bar; \$600,000 in lodging renovations; "Cyber Café" located in the dining facility; \$350,000 1.5 mile running track; \$450,000 astroturf softball field; \$800,000 combined Heritage Center and Holloman Honor Guard facility; approval for a new \$15 million firehouse and \$1.2 million golf clubhouse.

Her Civil Engineer Squadron won the 2005 ACC Design Award for a \$20 million enlisted housing project setting a new AF standard.

Her Services Squadron won the 2005 ACC Food Service Excellence Award. They also captured the 2005 AF Hennessy Traveler Award. Her Logistics Readiness Squadron moved ten thousand short tons/753 plus unit type code for the largest ACC wing deployment.

Her Communications Squadron replaced the entire network back-bone with state of the art technology valued at \$9 million, boosting the wing's capability by 2000 percent. Colonel Colvin's Contracting Squadron awarded \$88 million in base contracts, beat ACC Small Business goals by 14 percent awarding over \$29 million to these concerns. They also realized significant Government Purchase Card rebates resulting in \$164 thousand returned to Holloman.

Her Mission Support Squadron hosted the Military Child Education Coalition training for 80 New Mexico educators. She created a School Liaison position to interface with the Alamogordo School Board and garnered an ACC Benchmark for the "Families Apart" Program.

Her Security Forces Squadron helped the wing earn the Best Air Force anti-terrorism installation program for 2004.

The outstanding leadership, superior initiative, and personal endeavor of Colonel Colvin distinguishes her as one of Holloman AFB's Women of Merit 2006. *(Nominated by retired Lt. Col. James Colvin,)*



Staff Sgt. Alan Weary

49th Medical Support Squadron

Duty title: NCO in charge of biomedical equipment repair

Time in service: six years, six months

Time at Holloman: two years

Hometown: Alamogordo

Personal and career goals: To finish school and be a better husband and father. to achieve the rank of chief master sergeant, learn and grow as an NCO and serve in some form outside of my career field.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you? We live in the

world's greatest nation. To be able to represent our nation and ensure that my kids are able to experience the freedoms and joy of life that I have drives me to serve.

What is your favorite quote?
“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
- *Luke 14:11*

How do you set an example for other troops? I make sure I am knowledgeable in all areas of the Air Force and my job. I also give my best in everything I do and ensure I am instrumental to the success of my Airmen.

Core value portrayed: “Excellence in All We Do.” All he touches – training, equipment repair, self-inspection program – is squared away. It’s a luxury for a commander to have such an NCO, as he is a pro in which you can have total confidence. If he sticks a paper in front of me and says ‘sir, quick, sign this,’ I can do so with perfect confidence that he has assembled a spot-on package. Sergeant Weary also walks the walk when it comes to fitness – he easily maxes out his PT score.”

– **Lt. Col. James Clapsaddle**
49th MDSS commander



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

JAG unveils plan to transform operations

Fewer judiciaries, traveling court reporters and field support centers among changes

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
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WASHINGTON – The Air Force’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps has a plan to optimize their operations and move out on Air Force Smart Operations 21.

In a recent interview, Maj. Gen. Jack L. Rives, the Air Force’s new judge advocate general, said the service’s JAG Corps will begin transforming their own legal operations to better meet new Air Force requirements.

“The Air Force is making dramatic changes to posture itself for the future,” General Rives said. “As part of that process, the chief of staff challenged the JAG Corps to redesign itself to complement Air Force initiatives and to transform legal operations to better align with new Air Force requirements.”

One of the biggest JAG Corps changes will be development of field support centers in a number of key areas, including claims processing, education and information, operations and international law, labor law,

contract law, contract litigation and environmental law.

The most visible field support center for Airmen will be the claims field support center.

“Currently, two or more claims specialists work at bases all across the Air Force,” General Rives said. “We will transform to one claims center to handle the personnel claims for Airmen throughout the Air Force.”

Modeling the best practices from private industry, the general plans to consolidate claims expertise at one location, provide support 24 hours a day, and develop Internet-based claims processing programs with toll-free telephone access to better serve Airmen in the field. This will make it easier for Airmen to file their claims and ultimately, they will see payments in their accounts that much sooner.

General Rives expects the claims field support center to be fully operational as early as 2008.

The other field support centers will be located at various places throughout the Air Force and will

be staffed by experts in particular legal fields.

“The FSC concept will enable us to move from a model where every wing legal office had to have experts in complicated areas of the law, to a model where base JAGs reach back to an FSC for tailored specialized advice,” General Rives said.

The wing’s chief lawyer – the staff judge advocate – will still have responsibility for providing legal advice on all matters to the wing commander and commanders in the field. His or her ability to provide this advice, however, will be enhanced by an immediate reach-back capability to field support center manned with subject matter experts.

Legal experts at the centers will provide advice to lawyers at local JAG offices throughout the Air Force. As needed, they could also travel to bases to provide additional support on-site.

General Rives said the Air Force will begin work building the centers immediately.

Most of the changes planned under JAG Corps 21 will be invisible

to Airmen and commanders, General Rives said. But all the changes will streamline and modernize the way Air Force JAGs do business.

One example is the elimination of the five field judiciary circuits, regional boundaries within which prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges try cases. Three circuits are in the United States and the others are in the Pacific and Europe. The geographic boundaries present unnecessary obstacles and overhead for the court-martial process. The JAG Corps 21 initiatives will eliminate these obstacles.

“We are doing away with the circuits because they are artificial boundaries,” General Rives said. “Without those boundaries, we can use the judges and prosecutors where they are needed, in a more timely and efficient manner.”

Today, base JAG offices have a court reporter whose primary duty is to record court-martial activities. It is demanding and highly technical work. But if a base goes several months without a court-martial, the reporter’s skills are not used.

The general said he believes the JAG Corps can better serve Air Force needs by consolidating the court reporters under the field operating agency that is aligned with the trial judiciary instead of individual wing legal offices.

“By centralizing control of court reporters and standardizing training and processes, we can get cases to trial sooner and speed up post-trial processing,” he said. “The overall result will be faster resolution of cases, which is always in the best interests of both an accused and the Air Force.”

The JAG Corps 21 process is also examining its role in supporting new and evolving Air Force missions such as stability operations and cyberspace operations, and identifying areas that will better support the deployed commander.

“As with the basic concept behind the field support centers, it’s all about providing better support to commanders in the field to give them the legal effect necessary to perform the mission,” General Rives said. – (AFPN)

Arnold Avenue

Arnold Avenue is closed from First Street to just west of Cliffrose Street. No left turns are allowed on Arnold Avenue.

School operations and Desert Estates residents will be impacted the most and people should take precautions in the construction zone. Housing occupants will use Sumac Street as the only entrance and exit. Student drop off and pick up will be at the thoroughfare off Arizona Avenue. Please use extra caution and patience in the work area.

Estimated completion date for the project is early April. For more information, contact Ms. Lesalee Arana at 572-7754.

Visitor Center change

Beginning March 17, the visitor center customer service hours of operation will change to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. Normal customer service hours of operation will remain 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the rest of the week. Personnel will be able to attain visitor passes at the main gate. For more information, call 572-5920.

Eaglet adventures

Holloman Primary School is introducing an after-school program called Eaglet Adventures for their students and parents 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday in the Holloman Primary Big Room.

For more information, call 479-6122.

Scholarships

The Aerospace Education Foundation has 30 scholarships available, each for \$1,000, for active duty Air Force spouses. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university and hold a 3.5 or higher grade point average. A two-page, double-spaced essay describing academic and career goals and what motivated the applicant to this decision is required. Also required are two letters of recommendation, which should be character references and descriptions of performance and potential as a student, employee or volunteer.

Applications are available on the Web at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp or at the Base Training and Education Office. Application

deadline is April 15. For more information, call 572-3971.

Education survey

In order for the Base Education Office to add new degree programs to those already offered on base, a comprehensive needs assessment must be completed. This assessment will reveal what new programs Holloman members would like to see offered on base.

To complete the survey, go to <https://afvec.langley.af.mil> and click on "take the survey." On the next page in the "participate" box, scroll down the list of bases to Holloman, click and begin answering the 10 questions.

The survey will be active until April 8. For more information, call the Education Office at 572-3971.

Working Out Woman

The Working Out Woman program meets at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are no fees and children are welcome to accompany parents.

For more information on how this program works, please call Ms. Sue Musgrave at 479-9680.

Book fair

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through March 22 in the Alamogordo High School library.

Survey

The 2005 Community Assessment Survey is just around the corner. The survey runs from Wednesday to May 1. The results of the survey will be used to better respond to the needs of the Holloman community. If you are selected to participate in the Web-based survey, please complete the survey. Computers are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, base library and the Community Center.

Banquet

The National Wild Turkey Federation Noel Southard Chapter is holding the Noel Southard Memorial Hunting Heritage Banquet, 6 p.m. Saturday at the Otero County Fairgrounds. There will be live auctions, silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, food and wildlife story swapping. The meal

will be prepared and served by the local 4-H members.

For further information, call Mr. Mike Baker at 434-8356 or Ms. Elise Haley at 434-1467.

HOSC thrift shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club thrift shop is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon.

Anyone with multiple donations or large donations should bring the items by during operating hours or call 479-0529 to arrange for a time to drop the items off.

Frog and Toad

A Year with Frog and Toad will show at 7:30 p.m. March 24, 25, 31 and April 1 at the Flickinger Center. Cost is \$7 per ticket and tickets are available at Information, Tickets and Travel. For more information, call 437-2202.

ITT

Information, Tickets and Travel is now at the Whispering Sands Community Center. This program offers discounted tickets to active duty and retired military members for vacation spots such as Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Sea World and many other locations.

For more information, call Ms. Linda Aguirre at 572-7476.

J.R. Rockers

The new hours of operation for J.R. Rockers are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays. J.R. Rockers will be close on Sundays, holidays and family days.

Banquet

Tickets are now available for the Otero County NAACP Educator of the Year Banquet. The Banquet will be held March 18 at the Oasis Enlisted Club with a social hour commencing at 6 p.m. and the program starting at 7 p.m. Mr. Hilary Shelton, NAACP Washington Bureau director, will be the keynote speaker. For tickets, contact Ms. Carolyn Peeler at 443-4538 or Ms. Nola Jones at 437-4193.

Back to bases

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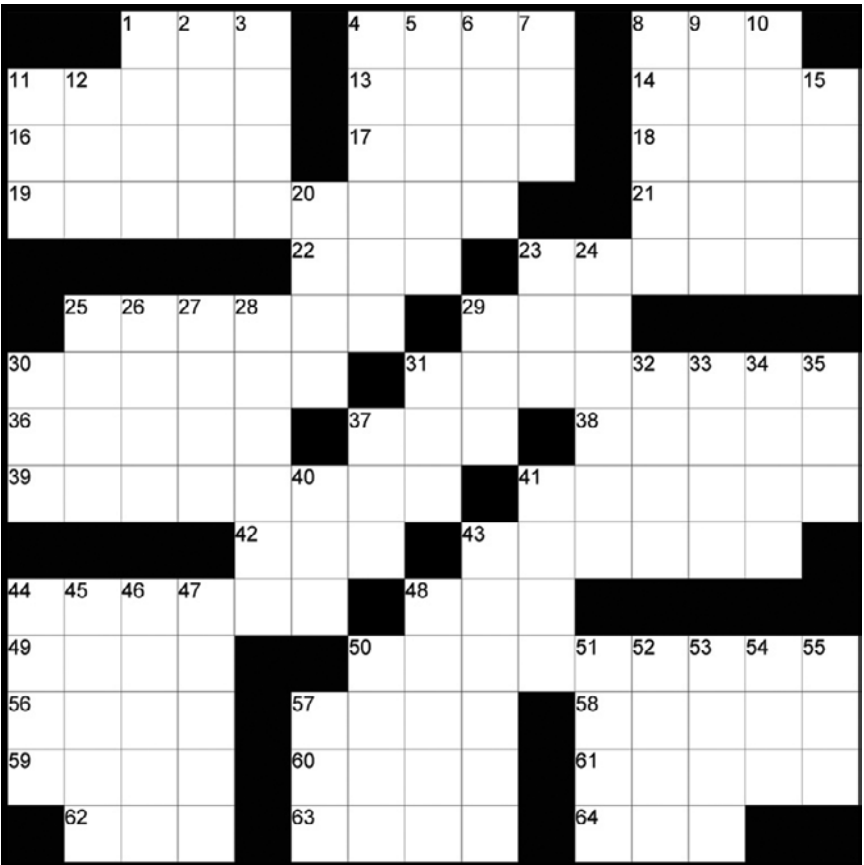
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- 17. Auction
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- 19. PACAF base
- 21. Backgammon need
- 22. Taxing org.
- 23. Hidden
- 25. Swimming in water
- 29. Gun lobby
- 30. Nuts
- 31. AETC base
- 36. Trade union
- 37. Score for 30-down
- 38. Chairs
- 39. PACAF base
- 41. More flimsy
- 42. Hearing tool
- 43. Humpbacks
- 44. CENTCOM base
- 48. Greek letter
- 49. Cosmetic ingredient

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- 57. AFMC base
- 58. Ages
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- 64. Actors Harris and O’Neal

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- 6. 50 percent
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- 8. Toboggans
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- 33. Cook
- 34. S.W. Indians
- 35. Former Soviet country ID
- 37. Each
- 40. The Right Stuff actor Shepard
- 41. Buzzing sound
- 43. Albeit
- 44. Gala
- 45. AETC base
- 46. Scores
- 47. Aired again
- 48. Soothes
- 50. Terminate
- 51. Abyss
- 52. Pay attention



- 53. Charged particles
- 54. Mil. officer assigned to another staff
- 55. USAF medal
- 57. Nickname of only General of the Air Force

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Adventure program

Outdoor Recreation is calling all E-4s and below to get involved in planning and organizing trips. Some programs are already being planned, but volunteers are needed to help in the decision-making process. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

Lumpia sale

The Middle Two Council will host a Lumpia sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 in the Chapel annex. Cost is \$0.50 for one and \$9 for 20. Sales are by pre-order only. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Reny Nunag at 572-5574 or Tech. Sgt. Cherie Hill at 572-7375.

Discovery Center

Visit the Discovery Center in the Airman and Family Readiness Center and use the computers to write a resume, take a typing test, surf the internet or just e-mail a friend. Let the kids use the learning toys, tools and games.

Free flights

The Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagle Program is offering free airplane rides to children ages 7 -17, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Alamogordo Airport. For more information, call Mr. Ken Henderson at 437-1571 or Mr. John McLaughlin at 434-1564.

Auto Skills Center

This month at the Auto Skills Center discounted professional air conditioning services will be offered. Bring over a POV and receive A/C service for only \$3.75 per oz. of R-12, \$.75 per oz. of R-134A and \$40 for labor. For more information, call 572-7438.

Change in hours

In order to serve you better, the Base Training and Education Office is enforcing walk-in hours and appointment times. Appointments should be arranged daily from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Other walk-in traffic is encouraged during the morning hours from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Customers should sign in when entering the recep-

tion area to ensure quick service. Customers may also go to the Virtual Education Center on the Air Force portal for tuition assistance forms. For more information or appointments, call 572-3971.

Aero Club

The Aero Club safety meeting begins at 9 a.m. March 18 in the Aero Club. For more information, call 572-3752.

Parent Action Team

The Parent Action Team meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Youth Teen Center. Parents of children enrolled in the Youth and Teen Center, Child Development Center, and Enrichment or Family Child Care programs are invited to share their thoughts and ideas with other parents. A light breakfast will be served. For more information, call the Family Child Care office at 572-5848.

Education center

Due to non-availability of the test administrator and test control officer, there will be no DANTES, PME, CDC, or distance learning testing through the Base Education Office March 21-23. Please plan accordingly. Normal testing will resume March 28. To schedule an exam, call 572-3971.

MyPay Web site

As a reminder, the MyPay Web site address is <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

It has recently been advised that there are look-a-like Web sites being developed to make people think they are accessing official sites, including the MyPay Web site. These sites request personal information that, if provided, could cause a variety of problems for the members.

There are also sites that use the words "MyPay" as part of their Web address. While they may be legitimate business concerns, they are not in any way affiliated with DFAS and MyPay.

The following are a few sites that use MyPay in their address.

A. www.mypay.com

B. www.mypay.se/indexen.html

C. www.mypaysolutions.com/

Crossword answers

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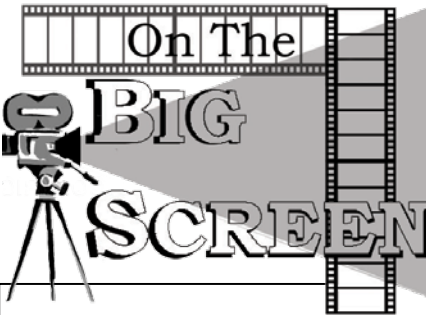
New Mexico Space Alliance to meet in Las Cruces Saturday

The New Mexico Space Alliance (formerly the Southwest Space Task Force) will hold its next quarterly membership meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Physical Science Laboratory conference room on the New Mexico State University campus in Las Cruces. This meeting is open to all members of the New Mexico Space Alliance and to the

general public. Topics of the meeting will include a featured speaker, updates on space commercialization efforts in New Mexico and progress at the Southwest Regional Spaceport. For more information about the New Mexico Space Alliance, visit the Web site at www.newmexicospacealliance.org.

Chapel services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
• Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.



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